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WASHINGTON, November 5, 1980 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 4,406 in September, up from 2,991 in August, but below the 11,958 ordered in September 1979, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders for the first nine months of this year totaled 37,032, compared with 100,556 for the comparable period of last year.

Deliveries in September totaled 7,146, compared with 7,012 in August and 7,056 in September 1979. A total of 69,179 cars have been placed in service through the first three quarters of this year, compared with 66,801 for the same period a year ago.

The backlog of cars on order and undelivered as of October 1 totaled 66,276, compared with 69,672 on September 1 and 128,130 on October 1, 1979. The average backlog so far this year is 88,676, compared with 119,805 at the same period of 1979.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American railroads added 80 new and rebuilt diesel locomotives to their fleet in September, compared with 108 in August and 269 in September 1979. Deliveries for the first nine months of the year totaled 1,388, compared with 1,381 for the same period last year.

As of October 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives totaled 28,596, compared with 28,604 on September 1 and 27,755 on October 1, 1979.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of October 1 was 595, compared with 577 on September 1 and 677 on October 1, 1979. Average backlog so far this year is 912, compared with 1,025 last year.

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DELIVERED

	September		August	Nine Months	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Built New by Car Builders	6,596	6,618	6,158	63,656	61,965
Built New in R.R. Shops	351	344	836	4,401	4,120
Built New - Total	6,947	6,962	6,994	68,057	66,085
Rebuilt	199	94	18	1,122	716
TOTAL Delivered	7,146	7,056	7,012	69,179	66,801
Locomotives	80	269	108	1,388	1,381

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	4,406	10,881	2,531	31,391	95,363
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	992	266	4,578	4,463
To be built New - Total	4,406	11,873	2,797	35,969	99,826
To be rebuilt	0	85	194	1,063	730
TOTAL Ordered	4,406	11,958	2,991	37,032	100,556

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	October 1		September 1	Average	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
To be built New by Car Builders	59,806	121,375	62,652	81,760	113,337
To be built New in R.R. Shops	6,429	6,654	6,780	6,597	6,365
To be built New - Total	66,235	128,029	69,432	88,357	119,702
To be rebuilt	41	101	240	319	103
TOTAL on Order	66,276*	128,130	69,672	88,676	119,805
Locomotives	595	677	577	912	1,025

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the backlog has been reduced by 656 cars.

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WASHINGTON, December 3, 1980 -- Deliveries of new and rebuilt freight cars in October totaled 7,389, compared with 8,203 in October 1979 and 7,146 in September of this year, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Deliveries for the first 10 months of this year came to 76,668, compared with 73,794 a year ago.

Orders in October totaled 2,047, compared with 4,406 in September and 6,224 in October 1979. Through the first 10 months of this year, orders totaled 38,671, compared with 105,065 for the comparable period of last year.

As of November 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered stood at 59,398, compared with 123,827 on November 1, 1979 and 66,048 on October 1 of this year. The average backlog so far this year is 85,704, compared with 120,208 last year at this year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American railroads added 101 new and rebuilt diesel locomotives to their fleet in October, compared with 183 in October 1979 and 80 in September 1980. A total of 1,489 locomotives have been added to the fleet through the first 10 months of the year, compared with 1,564 for the same period last year.

As of November 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives totaled 28,641, compared with 28,596 on October 1 and 27,871 on November 1, 1979.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of November 1 was 496, compared with 774 on November 1, 1979 and 595 on October 1 of this year. The average backlog so far this year is 870, compared with 1,000 at the same time last year.

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DELIVERED

	October		September	Ten-Months	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Built New by Car Builders	6,956	7,758	6,596	70,712	68,513
Built New in R.R. Shops	412	349	351	4,813	4,469
Built New - Total	7,368	8,107	6,947	75,525	72,982
Rebuilt	21	96	199	1,143	812
TOTAL Delivered	7,389	8,203	7,146	76,668	73,794
Locomotives	101	183	80	1,489	1,564

ORDERED

To be Built New by Car Builders	1,847	6,129	4,406	33,058	99,777
To be Built New in R.R. Shops	200	0	0	4,550	4,463
To be Built New - Total	2,047	6,129	4,406	37,608	104,240
To be Rebuilt	0	95	0	1,063	825
TOTAL Ordered	2,047	6,224	4,406	38,671	105,065

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	November 1		October 1	Average	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
To be Built New by Car Builders	53,389	117,422	59,806	78,923	113,746
To be Built New in R.R. Shops	5,989	6,305	6,201*	6,491	6,359
To be Built New - Total	59,378	123,727	66,007*	85,414	120,105
To be Rebuilt	20	100	41	290	103
TOTAL on Order	59,398**	123,827	66,048*	85,704	120,208
Locomotives	496	774	595	870	1,000

* Revised Figures

** Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the backlog has been reduced by 1,308 cars

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WASHINGTON, January 21, 1981 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 3,930 in November, compared with 2,047 in October and 8,512 in November of 1979, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders for the first 11 months of 1980 came to 42,153, compared with 107,261 for the comparable period of 1979.

Deliveries in November totaled 4,952, compared with 7,389 in October and 8,938 in November 1979. Cars placed in service through the first 11 months of 1980 totaled 81,540, compared with 82,224 during the same period of the previous year.

As of December 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered stood at 57,668, compared with 59,398 on November 1 and 119,857 on December 1, 1979. Average backlog through the first 11 months of the year was 83,154, compared with 120,175 for the same period of 1979.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American railroads added 86 new and rebuilt diesel locomotives to their fleet in November, compared with 101 in October and 168 in November 1979. A total of 1,575 locomotives were added to the fleet through November, compared with 1,732 during the same period a year earlier.

As of December 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives was 28,652, compared with 28,641 on November 1 and 27,968 on December 1, 1979.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of December 1 was 472, compared with 496 on November 1 and 656 on December 1 a year earlier. The average backlog through 11 months of 1980 was 834, compared with 969 the previous year.

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DELIVERED

	November		October	Eleven Months	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Built New by Car Builders	4,574	7,971	6,956	75,206	75,976
Built New in R.R. Shops	371	913	412	5,184	5,382
Built New - Total	4,945	8,884	7,368	80,390	81,358
Rebuilt	7	54	21	1,150	866
TOTAL Delivered	4,952	8,938	7,389	81,540	82,224
Locomotives	86	168	101	1,575	1,732

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	3,230	7,890	1,847	35,840	101,351
To be built New in R.R. Shops	700	568	200	5,250	5,031
To be built New - Total	3,930	8,458	2,047	41,090	106,382
To be rebuilt	0	54	0	1,063	879
TOTAL Ordered	3,930	8,512	2,047	42,153	107,261

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	December 1		November 1	Average	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
To be built New by Car Builders	51,337	113,797	53,389	76,415	113,750
To be built New in R.R. Shops	6,318	5,960	5,989	6,475	6,323
To be built New - Total	57,655	119,757	59,378	82,890	120,073
To be rebuilt	13	100	20	264	102
TOTAL on Order	57,668*	119,857	59,398	83,154	120,175
Locomotives	472	656	496	834	969

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the backlog has been reduced by 708 cars.

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WASHINGTON, February 10, 1981 -- Orders for new and rebuilt freight cars in 1980 totaled 46,453, compared with 119,986 the year before, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders in December totaled 4,722, compared with 3,930 in November and 8,554 in December 1979.

Cars placed in service in 1980 numbered 87,083, compared with 90,903 in 1979. Deliveries in December came to 5,543, compared with 4,952 in November and 8,100 in December 1979.

As of January 1, 1981, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered totaled 53,805, compared with 119,101 on January 1, 1980, and 57,668 on December 1, 1980. The average backlog for the year was 80,709, compared with an average of 120,086 in 1979.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American railroads added 1,724 new and rebuilt diesel locomotives to their fleet in 1980, compared with 1,892 in 1979. In December 149 locomotives were added to the fleet, compared with 86 in November and 160 in December 1979.

As of January 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives was 28,222, compared with 28,652 on December 1 and 27,937 on January 1, 1980.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of January 1 was 665, compared with 472 on December 1 and 1,460 on January 1 a year ago. The average backlog for the year was 820, compared with 1,010 in 1979.

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DELIVERED

	December		November	Twelve Months	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Built New by Car Builders	5,151	7,376	4,574	80,357	83,931
Built New in R.R. Shops	379	708	371	5,563	6,090
Built New - Total	5,530	8,084	4,945	85,920	90,021
Rebuilt	13	16	7	1,163	882
TOTAL Delivered	5,543	8,100	4,952	87,083	90,903
Locomotives	149	160	86	1,724	1,892

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	4,722	7,538	3,230	40,140	113,060
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	1,000	700	5,250	6,031
To be built New - Total	4,722	8,538	3,930	45,390	119,091
To be rebuilt	0	16	0	1,063	895
TOTAL Ordered	4,722	8,554	3,930	46,453	119,986

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	January 1		December 1	Average	
	1981	1980	1980	1980	1979
To be built New by Car Builders	47,866	112,749	51,337	74,036	113,667
To be built New in R.R. Shops	5,939	6,252	6,318	6,431	6,317
To be built New - Total	53,805	119,001	57,655	80,467	119,984
To be rebuilt	0	100	13	242	102
TOTAL on Order	53,805*	119,101	57,668	80,709	120,086
Locomotives	665	1,460	472	820	1,010

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the backlog has been reduced by 3,042 cars.

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WASHINGTON, March 4, 1981 -- Orders for new and rebuilt freight cars in January totaled 2,447, compared with 4,722 in December and 7,075 in January 1980, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Of the cars ordered in January, 2,147 are to be built new by car builders and 300 are to be rebuilt.

Also in January, 5,371 cars were placed in service, compared with 5,543 in December and 7,900 in January a year ago.

As of February 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered was 48,716, the lowest backlog since April 1, 1978, when it was 40,510. The January 1 backlog was 51,640 and the comparable figure on February 1, 1980 was 116,358.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 29 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in January, compared with 149 in December and 169 in January 1980.

As of February 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 28,167, compared with 27,962 on February 1 a year earlier and 28,222 on January 1 of this year.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of February 1 was 524, compared with 665 on January 1, and 1,287 on February 1, 1980.

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DELIVERED

	January		December
	1981	1980	1980
Built New by Car Builders	5,064	7,365	5,151
Built New in R.R. Shops	272	428	379
Built New - Total	5,336	7,793	5,530
Rebuilt	35	107	13
TOTAL DELIVERED	5,371	7,900	5,543
Locomotives	29	169	149

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	2,147	6,310	4,722
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	2,147	6,310	4,722
To be rebuilt	300	765	0
TOTAL ORDERED	2,447	7,075	4,722

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	February 1		January 1
	1981	1980	1981
To be built New by Car Builders	44,219	109,776	*47,136
To be built New in R.R. Shops	4,232	5,824	4,504
To be built New - Total	48,451	115,600	*51,640
To be rebuilt	265	758	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	48,716	116,358	*51,640
Locomotives	524	1,287	665

*Revised figures

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WASHINGTON, April 6, 1981 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 2,069 in February, compared with 2,447 in January and 3,776 in February 1980, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders for the first two months of 1981 totaled 4,516, compared with 10,851 for the same period last year.

Deliveries in February came to 4,859, compared with 5,371 in January and 8,000 in February a year ago. A total of 10,230 cars have been placed in service so far this year, compared with 15,900 through February 1980.

The backlog of cars on order and undelivered as of March 1 was 45,236, compared with 48,716 on February 1 and 110,067 on March 1, 1980. Average backlog for the year so far is 46,976, compared with 113,213 last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 67 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in February, compared with 29 in January and 124 in February 1980.

As of March 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 28,067, compared with 28,167 on February 1 and 28,012 on March 1, 1980.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of March 1 was 471, compared with 524 on February 1 and 1,291 on March 1, 1980.

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DELIVERED

	February		January	Two Months	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
Built New by Car Builders	4,401	7,440	5,064	9,465	14,805
Built New in R.R. Shops	308	463	272	580	891
Built New - Total	4,709	7,903	5,336	10,045	15,696
Rebuilt	150	97	35	185	204
TOTAL DELIVERED	4,859	8,000	5,371	10,230	15,900
Locomotives	67	124	29	96	293

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	2,069	3,776	2,147	4,216	10,086
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	2,069	3,776	2,147	4,216	10,086
To be rebuilt	0	0	300	300	765
TOTAL ORDERED	2,069	3,776	2,447	4,516	10,851

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	March 1		February 1	Average	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
To be built New by Car Builders	41,197	104,045	44,219	42,708	106,911
To be built New in R.R. Shops	3,924	5,361	4,232	4,078	5,592
To be built New - Total	45,121	109,406	48,451	46,786	112,503
To be rebuilt	115	661	265	190	710
TOTAL on Order	45,236*	110,067	48,716	46,976	113,213
Locomotives	471	1,291	524	498	1,289

* Due to revisions and cancellations the backlog has been reduced by 690 cars.

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WASHINGTON, May 6, 1981 -- U.S. railroads placed 5,298 new and rebuilt freight cars in service in March, compared with 4,859 in February and 9,017 in March 1980, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Deliveries in the first three months of this year totaled 15,528, compared with 24,758 for the same period last year.

Orders placed in March came to 1,859, compared with 2,069 in February and 3,539 in March 1980. For the first quarter of 1981, 6,465 cars were ordered, compared with 14,190 in the comparable period of last year.

The backlog of cars on order and undelivered as of April 1 was 41,818, compared with 45,236 on March 1 and 101,462 on April 1, 1980. Average backlog for the year so far is 45,257, compared with 109,295 last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 92 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in March, compared with 67 in February and 246 in March 1980.

As of April 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,999, compared with 28,269 on April 1, 1980.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of April 1 was 411, compared with 471 on March 1 and 1,114 on April 1 of last year.

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DELIVERED

	March		February	Three Months	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
Built New by Car Builders	4,718	8,224	4,401	14,183	22,870
Built New in R.R. Shops	444	571	308	1,024	1,462
Built New - Total	5,162	8,795	4,709	15,207	24,332
Rebuilt	136	222	150	321	426
TOTAL DELIVERED	5,298	9,017	4,859	15,528	24,758
Locomotives	92	246	67	188	539

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,559	3,471	2,069	5,865	13,357
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	1,559	3,471	2,069	5,865	13,357
To be rebuilt	300	68	0	600	833
TOTAL ORDERED	1,859	3,539	2,069	6,465	14,190

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	April 1		March 1	Average	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
To be built New by Car Builders	38,059	96,165	41,197	41,158	103,328
To be built New in R.R. Shops	3,480	4,790	3,924	3,879	5,325
To be built New - Total	41,539	100,955	45,121	45,037	108,653
To be rebuilt	279	507	115	220	642
TOTAL ON ORDER	41,818	101,462	45,236	45,257	109,295
Locomotives	411	1,114	471	468	1,230

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WASHINGTON, June 2, 1981 -- Orders for new freight cars in April totaled 1,762, compared with 1,859 in March and 3,902 in April 1980, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders through the first four months of the year totaled 8,827, compared with 17,792 for the comparable period last year.

A total of 4,370 cars were placed in service in April, compared with 5,298 in March and 8,074 in April of last year. In the first four months of this year, 19,898 cars were placed in service, compared with 32,971 in the comparable period a year ago.

As of May 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered stood at 39,126, compared with 41,818 on April 1, and 90,667 on May 1, 1980. So far this year, the average monthly backlog has been 43,724, compared with 104,638 a year ago.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 70 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in April, compared with 92 in March and 149 in April 1980.

As of May 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,935, compared with 28,835 on May 1, 1980.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of May 1 was 341, compared with 411 on April 1 and 1,083 on May 1 of last year.

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DELIVERED

	April		March	Four Months	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
Built New by Car Builders	3,792	7,546	4,718	17,975	30,555
Built New in R.R. Shops	453	347	444	1,477	1,809
Built New - Total	4,245	7,893	5,162	19,452	32,364
Rebuilt	125	181	136	446	607
TOTAL DELIVERED	4,370	8,074	5,298	19,898	32,971
Locomotives	70	149	92	258	688

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,737	2,851	1,559	8,202	15,908
To be built New in R.R. Shops	25	1,015	0	25	1,015
To be built New - Total	1,762	3,866	1,559	8,227	16,923
To be rebuilt	0	36	300	600	869
TOTAL ORDERED	1,762	3,902	1,859	8,827	17,792

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	May 1		April 1	Average	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
To be built New by Car Builders	35,920	84,847	38,059	39,849	98,708
To be built New in R.R. Shops	3,052	5,458	3,480	3,672	5,358
To be built New - Total	38,972	90,305	41,539	43,521	104,066
To be rebuilt	154	362	279	203	572
TOTAL ON ORDER	39,126*	90,667	41,818	43,724	104,638
Locomotives	341	1,083	411	437	1,194

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the May 1, 1981 backlog has been reduced by 84 cars.

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WASHINGTON, July 7, 1981 -- Orders for new and rebuilt freight cars in May totaled 2,291, compared with 1,762 in April and 5,744 in May 1980, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders through the first four months of 1981 totaled 10,518, compared with 23,010 for the comparable period last year.

Cars placed in service in May totaled 4,268, compared with 4,370 in April and 8,261 in May 1980. For the year so far, 24,166 cars have been put into service, compared with 41,232 through the first five months of 1980.

As of June 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered totaled 36,117, compared with 39,126 on May 1 and 85,816 on June 1, 1980. The average backlog so far in 1981 is 42,202, compared with 100,874 a year ago.

The AAR also reported that 67 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed into service in May, compared with 70 in April and 167 in May 1980.

As of June 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,945, compared with 28,368 on June 1, 1980.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of June 1 was 287, compared with 341 on May 1 and 953 on June 1 of last year.

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DELIVERED

	May		April	Five Months	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
Built New by Car Builders	3,779	7,484	3,792	21,754	38,039
Built New in R.R. Shops	364	589	453	1,841	2,398
Built New - Total	4,143	8,073	4,245	23,595	40,437
Rebuilt	125	188	125	571	795
TOTAL DELIVERED	4,268	8,261	4,370	24,166	41,232
Locomotives	67	167	70	325	855

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,791	3,882	1,737	9,393	19,264
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	1,862	25	25	2,877
To be built New - Total	1,791	5,744	1,762	9,418	22,141
To be rebuilt	500	0	0	1,100	869
TOTAL ORDERED	2,291	5,744	1,762	10,518	23,010

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	June 1		May 1	Average	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
To be built New by Car Builders	32,900	78,911	35,920	38,459	94,749
To be built New in R.R. Shops	2,688	6,731	3,052	3,475	5,633
To be built New - Total	35,588	85,642	38,972	41,934	100,382
To be rebuilt	529	174	154	268	492
TOTAL ON ORDER	36,117*	85,816	39,126	42,202	100,874
Locomotives	287	953	341	407	1,146

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the June 1, 1981, backlog has been reduced by 1,032 cars.

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WASHINGTON, July 29, 1981 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 1,155 in June, compared with 2,291 in May and 3,144 in June last year, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders through the first six months of 1981 totaled 11,571, compared with 26,154 during the same period of 1980.

A total of 3,861 cars were placed in service in June, compared with 4,268 in May and 8,008 in June 1980. Through the first half of this year, 28,027 cars were delivered, compared with 49,240 a year ago.

As of July 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered totaled 32,770, compared with 36,117 on June 1 and 78,119 on July 1, 1980. So far this year, the average monthly backlog is 40,631, compared with 97,082 at the same time last year.

The AAR also reported that 108 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in June, compared with 67 in May and 178 in June 1980.

As of July 1, taking retirements into account the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 28,005, compared with 28,532 on July 1, 1980.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of July 1 was 196, compared with 287 on June 1 and 787 on July 1, 1980.

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DELIVERED

	June		May	Six Months	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
Built New by Car Builders	3,442	7,521	3,779	25,196	45,560
Built New in R.R. Shops	339	381	364	2,180	2,779
Built New - Total	3,781	7,902	4,143	27,376	48,339
Rebuilt	80	106	125	651	901
TOTAL DELIVERED	3,861	8,008	4,268	28,027	49,240
Locomotives	108	178	67	433	1,033

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	927	3,144	1,791	10,218	22,408
To be built New in R.R. Shops	228	0	0	253	2,877
To be built New - Total	1,155	3,144	1,791	10,471	25,285
To be rebuilt	0	0	500	1,100	869
TOTAL ORDERED	1,155	3,144	2,291	11,571	26,154

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	July 1		June 1	Average	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
To be built New by Car Builders	29,744	71,701	32,900	37,007	90,908
To be built New in R.R. Shops	2,577	6,350	2,688	3,325	5,752
To be built New - Total	32,321	78,051	35,588	40,332	96,660
To be rebuilt	449	68	529	299	422
TOTAL ON ORDER	32,770*	78,119	36,117	40,631	97,082
Locomotives	196	787	287	372	1,086

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the July 1, 1981, backlog has been reduced by 641 cars.

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WASHINGTON, August 21, 1981 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 1,315 in July, compared with 1,155 in June and 3,393 in July 1980, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders through the first seven months of 1981 totaled 12,886, compared with 28,848 during the comparable period of last year.

A total of 3,030 cars were placed in service in July, compared with 3,861 in June and 5,894 in July 1980. So far this year, 31,057 cars have been delivered, compared with 55,133 a year ago.

As of August 1, 26,669 cars were on order and undelivered, compared with 73,912 on August 1 of last year and 32,770 on July 1, 1981. So far this year, the average monthly backlog is 38,636, compared with 93,772 at the same time last year.

The AAR also reported that 32 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in July, compared with 108 in June and 167 in July 1980.

As of August 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,937, compared with 28,615 on August 1, 1980.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of August 1 was 306, compared with 196 on July 1 and 517 on August 1, 1980.

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DELIVERED

	July		June	Seven Months	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
Built New by Car Builders	2,864	5,455	3,442	28,060	51,014
Built New in R.R. Shops	119	435	339	2,299	3,214
Built New - Total	2,983	5,890	3,781	30,359	54,228
Rebuilt	47	4	80	698	905
TOTAL DELIVERED	3,030	5,894	3,861	31,057	55,133
Locomotives	32	167	108	465	1,200

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,315	3,393	927	11,533	25,102
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	228	253	2,877
To be built New - Total	1,315	3,393	1,155	11,786	27,979
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	1,100	869
TOTAL ORDERED	1,315	3,393	1,155	12,886	28,848

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	August 1		July 1	Average	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
To be built New by Car Builders	23,809	67,934	29,744	35,121	87,626
To be built New in R.R. Shops	2,458	5,914	2,577	3,202	5,775
To be built New - Total	26,267	73,848	32,321	38,323	93,401
To be rebuilt	402	64	449	313	371
TOTAL ON ORDER	26,669*	73,912	32,770	38,636	93,772
Locomotives	306	517	196	362	1,004

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the August 1, 1981 backlog has been reduced by 4,386 cars.

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WASHINGTON, September 22, 1981 -- New and rebuilt freight cars placed in service in August totaled 3,249, compared with 3,030 in July and 7,012 in August 1980, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Cars placed in service through the first eight months of the year came to 34,407, compared with 60,703 for the comparable period of 1980.

Orders for new cars in August totaled 798, compared with 1,315 in July and 2,763 in August 1980. Through the first eight months of 1981, car orders stood at 13,584, compared with 31,460 at the same time last year.

As of September 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered was 23,985, compared with 26,669 on August 1 and 68,009 on September 1, 1980. Average backlog so far this year is 36,804, compared with 90,551 last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American railroads added 43 new and rebuilt diesel locomotives to their fleet in August, compared with 32 in July and 108 in August 1980.

As of September 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,905, compared with 28,604 on September 1, 1980.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of September 1 was 267, compared with 306 on August 1 and 577 on September 1, 1980.

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DELIVERED

	August		July	Eight Months	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
Built New by Car Builders	2,971	6,158	2,864	31,132	55,730
Built New in R.R. Shops	213	836	119	2,512	4,050
Built New - Total	3,184	6,994	2,983	33,644	59,780
Rebuilt	65	18	47	763	023
TOTAL DELIVERED	3,249	7,012	3,030	34,407	60,703
Locomotives	43	168	32	508	1,308

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	798	2,531	1,315	12,231	27,482
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	38	0	253	2,915
To be built New - Total	798	2,569	1,315	12,484	30,397
To be rebuilt	0	194	0	1,100	1,063
TOTAL ORDERED	798	2,763	1,315	13,584	31,460

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	September 1		August 1	Average	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
To be built New by Car Builders	21,403	62,652	23,809	33,406	84,504
To be built New in R.R. Shops	2,245	5,117	2,458	3,082	5,693
To be built New - Total	23,648	67,769	26,267	36,488	90,197
To be rebuilt	337	240	402	316	354
TOTAL ON ORDER	23,985*	68,009	26,669	36,804	90,551
Locomotives	267	557	306	350	951

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the September 1, 1981 backlog has been reduced by 233 cars.

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